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Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Re: Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 160(c) to Accelerate Investment in Broadband and Next-Generation Networks, WC Docket No. 18-141

Dear Ms. Dortch,

I am a CPA in Healdsburg, California. I have been a Sonic customer for many years, and I urge you not to grant USTelecom's petition.

I purchase voice, fax and broadband services from Sonic. My business could not function without either service.

I prefer to use Sonic's services instead of AT&T because they are a local business in my community. They offer excellent service and competitive prices. I expect that if I could no longer purchase service from Sonic, the cost of my voice and broadband would go up and the level of service would deteriorate.

Please do not end the ability of providers like Sonic to offer an alternative to the incumbent providers.

Sincerely,

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